(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) The Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) make their own Human Resource Development (HRD) plans. The CPSEs are expected to improve productivity and competitiveness of workforce. The Government has introduced several measures like Performance Related Payment Plan, organization of Executive Development Programmes in association with several reputed Management Organizations and foreign training. Further, the system of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is also introduced in the CPSEs in which adequate weightage is given on improvement in production and efficiency by CPSE.

(c) Does not arise.

Rehabilitation of Child Labourers in Karnataka

2672. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that a large number of child labourers are employed in mining in the Bellary-Hospet region in Karnataka;

(b) whether any cases have been booked against mining contractors who have violated the Child Labour Act;

(c) whether it is a fact that the failure of traditional occupations like agriculture and weaving has forced parents to send their children to do hazardous work in mines; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for the rehabilitation of children who discontinue their studies to earn a livelihood?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) There is no incidence of child labour in organized mining area of Bellary-Hospet region of Karnataka. However, some cases of children of migrant families working in Float Ore mining areas have been reported.

(b) Yes, Sir. 40 cases booked.

(c) Failure of agricultural crops in some districts of Karnataka and neighbouring states has led to the migration of labour to the mining areas of Bellary-Hospet region in Karnataka. The children of these families have migrated along with their parents to the mining areas.

(d) Government of India is implementing the scheme of National Child Labour Projects (NCLPs) in 250 child labour endemic districts of the country. 17 districts of the State, including Bellary are covered under the Scheme of NCLP. It envisages a sequential action-oriented approach for the abolition of child labour starting with children working in the most hazardous occupations to covering all forms of child labour. Under the Scheme, special schools are opened for the working children withdrawn from hazardous occupations with the objective of preparing them to join the formal education system. Under the special schools children are provided with education, vocational training, nutrition, stipend and health care etc.

400 child labourers are rehabilitated in the special schools being run under the scheme of National Child Labour Projects (NCLP) in Bellary. Apart from this, 1074 children are rehabilitated under the scheme of Sarva Siksha Abhiyan.

Minimum Wages

2673. SHRI PRAVIN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state the rate of minimum wages for unskilled, semi-skilled and skilled workers in the State of Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan as on 31st March, 2006?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): on the basis of available information, a statement indicating the rates of minimum wages amongst different scheduled employments for unskilled, semi-skilled and skilled workers in the State of Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan is enclosed as statement.